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1. SUMMARY: THE REGION VI AND VII CANADIANS ARE CAREFULLY
BUILDING A RECORD TO SHOW THAT IT IS NOT CANADA'S FAULT IF THE
ICCS COMES A CROIPER. THE POLES AND HUNGARIANS ARE HELPING
OUT BY BEING AS OBSTREPEROUS AS THEY CAN. END SUMMARY.
2. REGION VI AND VII CANDAIAN ICCS DELEGATIONS HAVE APPARENTLY
RECEIVED NEW INSTRUCTIONS SINCE THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF
CANADA'S DECISION TO CONTINUE ICCS PARTICIPATION FOR SIXTY MORE
DAYS. THEIR INSTRUCTIONS APPEAR TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING: (A) PUSH
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THE OTHER DELEGATIONS HARDER TO INVESTIGATE VIOLATIONS. (B) INVESTI-

GATE UNILATERALLY OR JOINTLY WITH THE INDONESIANS IF THE POLES AND HUNGARIANS ARE OBSTRUCTIVE. (C) SUBMIT DETAILED CANADIAN NATIONAL VIEWS, ESPECIALLY IF NO UNANIMOUS REPORT IS AGREED UPON. (D) THOROUGHLY DOCUMENT CANADIAN EFFORTS TO MAKE THE ICCS WORK. (E) DOCUMENT COMMUNIST OBSTRUCTIVE TACTICS. (F) IN REGION VII AT LEAST, PERHAPS TRY TO BALANCE THE RECORD WITH GVN VIOLATIONS IF THEY ARE DETECTED.

2. THE POLES AND HUNGARIANS ARE STOUTLY RESISTING THE CANADIAN EFFORTS TO GET REGION VI MOVING. REGION VI CANADIANS HAVE FORMALLY CHARGED THE HUNGARIAN AND POLISH DELEGATIONS WITH DIRECT AND EXCLUSIVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR REGION VI INACTION IN 21 OUT OF 22 GVN VIOLATION COMPLAINTS. THE REGION VI CANADIAN CHIEF HAS SUGGESTED THAT POLISH AND HUNGARIAN INSISTENCE ON FOUR-PARTY SECURITY GUARANTEES COMBINED WITH THE REGION VI PRG/JMC "ADVANCE PARTY" CLAIM TO "LACK OF AUTHORITY TO TAKE ANY ACTION WHATSOEVER," CONSTITUTES A CONSPIRACY TO OBSTRUCT THE ICCS.

3. REGION VII COMMUNIST DELEGATIONS HAVE ADOPTED NEW HINDERING TACTICS AND SHIFTED THE FOCUS OF THEIR OBSTRUCTIONISM TO THE SUB-REGIONAL TEAMS, WHICH EARLIER HAD BEEN LESS BALKY THAN THEIR HEADQUARTERS IN CAN THO. THE POLES, WITH THE HUNGARIANS USUALLY FOLLOWING THEIR LEAD, HAVE USED THE FOLLOWING TACTICS: (A) NEWLY ROTATED TEAM MEMBERS HAVE REFUSED TO CONCUR IN UNANIMOUS REPORTS ON THE GROUNDS THEY WERE NOT PRESENT WHEN THE INVESTIGATION

TOOK PLACE. (B) THE POLISH REGIONAL DELEGATION CHIEF HAS REQUESTED THAT INVESTIGATIONS BE RE-OPENED. (C) THE POLES AND HUNGARIANS HAVE ACCUSED THE GVN OF SUBMITTING COMPLAINTS OF INCIDENTS CAUSED BY "HOOLIGANS" OR "BANDITS." (D) THE POLES HAVE CLAIMED THAT THE CANADIAN-INDONESIAN "JOINT VIEWS" ARE ILLEGAL BECAUSE THE PROTOCOL ONLY PERMITS "NATIONAL VIEWS."

4. TO COUNTER THE POLISH-HUNGARIAN TACTICS, THE CANADIANS HAVE ORDERED SUB-REGIONAL TEAMS TO PREPARE COMPLETE REPORTS IMMEDIATELY AFTER FINISHING INVESTIGATIONS. IF THERE IS NO PROGRESS IN REACHING UNANIMITY THE CANADIANS ARE TO BREAK OFF NEGOTIATIONS AND SUBMIT NATIONAL VIEWS. THE CANADIANS COUNTERED THE "NATIONAL VIEW" ARGUMENT ON THE GROUNDS THAT PROTOCOL ARTICLE 3-B PERMITS THE SUBMISSION OF "DIFFERENT VIEWS," WHICH MAY BE SUBMITTED BY ONE, TWO, OR THREE PARTIES. THE REGION VII CANADIANS ATTRIBUTE PART OF THEIR SUCCESS IN AVOIDING COMMUNIST ROADBLOCKS SO FAR TO THE FAILURE OF THE POLES AND HUNGARIANS TO COORDINATE THEIR EFFORTS.

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